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5. (Amended) The photometric device according to any of Claims 1 to 3,

comprising a plurality of photoelectric conversion means arranged on the overall area where photometry can be performed,

wherein a sum of outputs from photoelectric conversion means included in said predetermined area of said plurality of photoelectric conversion means or a value corresponding to an output indicating the lowest luminance of the outputs from the photoelectric conversion means included in said predetermined area is used as the photometric result in said predetermined area, and

values corresponding to the outputs from the respective photoelectric conversion means included in said predetermined area are used as the photometric results in said subareas.

6. (Amended) The photometric device according to any of Claims 1 to 3,

comprising a plurality of photoelectric conversion means arranged on the overall area where photometry can be performed,

wherein a sum of outputs from photoelectric conversion means included in said predetermined area of said plurality of photoelectric conversion means or a value corresponding to an output indicating the lowest luminance of the outputs from the photoelectric conversion means included in said predetermined area is used as the photometric result in said predetermined area, and

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a value corresponding to a sum of outputs from photoelectric conversion means other than the photoelectric conversion means included in said predetermined area is used as the photometric result in said peripheral area.

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9. (Amended) The photometric device according to claim 4, wherein a value corresponding to a sum of outputs from photoelectric conversion means included in said predetermined area is used as the photometric result in said predetermined area when at least one of the outputs from the photoelectric conversion means is less than a predetermined value, and a value corresponding to an output indicating the lowest luminance of the outputs from the photoelectric conversion means included in said predetermined area is used as the photometric result in said predetermined area when all the outputs from the photoelectric conversion means are greater than the predetermined value.

14. (Amended) The photometric device according to any of claims 10 to 12, comprising a plurality of photoelectric conversion means arranged on the overall area where photometry can be performed,

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wherein a sum of outputs from photoelectric conversion means included in said predetermined area of said plurality of photoelectric conversion means or a value corresponding to an output indicating the lowest luminance of the outputs from the photoelectric conversion means included in said predetermined area is used as the photometric result in said predetermined area,

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a value corresponding to a sum of outputs from specific photoelectric conversion means other than the photoelectric conversion means other than the photoelectric conversion means included in said predetermined area is used as the photometric result in said peripheral area.

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22. (Amended) The photometric device according to any of claims 18 and 19, comprising a plurality of photoelectric conversion means arranged on the overall area where photometry can be performed,

wherein a sum of outputs from photoelectric conversion means included in said predetermined area of said plurality of photoelectric conversion means or a value corresponding to an output indicating the lowest luminance of the outputs from the photoelectric conversion means included in said predetermined area is used as the photometric result in said predetermined area, and

values corresponding to the outputs from the respective photoelectric conversion means included in said predetermined area are used as the photometric results in said subareas.

23. (Amended) The photometric device according to any of claims 18 and 19, wherein backlight is determined when a difference greater than a predetermined reference value exists between the photometric result in said predetermined area and a photometric result in a peripheral area around said predetermined area.

25. (Amended) The photometric device according to any of claims 18 and 19, wherein backlight is determined when a difference greater than a predetermined reference value exists between the photometric result in said predetermined area and a photometric result in said overall area.

31. (Amended) The photometric device according to any of claims 28 and 29, wherein said reference value is corrected on the basis of a proportion of the subarea including said object of said plurality of subareas.

32. (Amended) The photometric device according to any of claims 28 and 29,  
comprising a plurality of photoelectric conversion means arranged on the overall area where  
photometry can be performed,

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values corresponding to the outputs from the respective photoelectric conversion means included in said predetermined area are used as the photometric results in said subareas.

33. (Amended) The photometric device according to any of claims 28 and 29, wherein backlight is determined when a difference greater than a predetermined reference value exists between the photometric result in said predetermined area and the photometric result in the peripheral area around said predetermined area.

35. (Amended) The photometric device according to any of claims 28 and 29, wherein backlight is determined when a difference greater than a predetermined reference value exists between the photometric result in said predetermined area and the photometric result in said overall area.

37. (Amended) The photometric device according to claim 32, wherein a value corresponding to a sum of outputs from photoelectric conversion means included in said predetermined area is used as the photometric result in said predetermined area when at least one of the outputs from the photoelectric conversion means is less than a predetermined value, and a value corresponding to an output indicating the lowest luminance of the outputs from the photoelectric conversion means included in said predetermined area is used as the photometric result in said predetermined area when all the outputs from the photoelectric conversion means are greater than the predetermined value.